For Immediate Release December 13, 2017

Multiple Schools in 86th Assembly District Eligible for TEACH Grants

Contact: Representative Spiros

(608) 266-1182

Madison – Yesterday, Governor Scott Walker announced \$15 million in Technology for Educational Achievement (TEACH) Information Technology Infrastructure grant funding is now available for rural school districts to give these districts an opportunity to upgrade their technology. These grants will help districts in obtaining the equipment and services necessary to create a better, more modern learning environment and build an adequate infrastructure.

"I am pleased to share there are several school districts in the 86th Assembly District that are eligible to apply for TEACH grant funds. The increase to the TEACH grants are a part of the additional, historic level of funding for K-12 schools that was added to the 2017-19 budget," said Rep. Spiros. "These grants will make a difference in classrooms, allowing students to have better access to new materials and information for a better educational experience. I am excited to have these funds available and look forward to seeing the difference they will make in our schools," concluded Rep. Spiros.

As part of the historic increase in K-12 educational funding in the 2017-19 state budget, \$22.5 million in total was included for Information Technology Infrastructure grants The Information Technology Infrastructure grants are a part of the greater TEACH initiative. The grants can be used for infrastructure equipment and services such as access points, antennas, maintenance of internal connections, cabling, caching equipment and services, LAN controllers, routers, switches, UPS/battery backup, and wireless controllers.

TEACH grants are available to rural school districts with fewer than 16 students per square mile. A list of districts eligible to receive between \$30,000 and \$60,000 and how to apply for the grant can be found on the <u>TEACH website</u>.

####